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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 2, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

TROOPS NOT ADVANCING

Large Detachment of Infantry at Columbus Will Not Cross Border Today

RAINS INTERRUPT MOTOR TRUCK LINES

Gen. Scott and Funston to Hold Another Conference with Gen. Obregon—Unrest Among the Mexican Soldiers Opposite Brownsville.

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, May 2.—Heavy rain falling over northern Chihuahua confronted the American military with a new problem of transportation of supplies to the Mexican front. Operation of the motor truck supply line was interrupted owing to inability of five trains to make their way from Colonia Dublan. A large detachment of infantry which was being prepared here to cross the border will not march today, it was said.

EL PASO, Texas, May 2.—With the question of the immediate withdrawal definitely disposed of in the latest instructions from Secretary of War Baker, the conference of Generals Scott, Funston and Obregon here today on the future American troop movements in Mexico appeared to reach a concrete and perhaps final state. It was the opinion of the American conferees that the second meeting with Gen. Obregon would come in the afternoon and it was believed possible that the object of the conference might then be realized.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, May 2.—The hurried calling to quarters at Fort Brown of two companies of infantry from the target range 10 miles west of here late yesterday caused uneasiness in this vicinity.

Reports from Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite Brownsville, stated there was preceptible unrest among the Mexican soldiers there. Several stores, it was said, were looted.

VON BUELOW USING ALL HIS INFLUENCE

Ex-Chancellor Urging Germany to Make Concessions in Meeting the American Demand.

PARIS, May 2.—A Havas despatch from Berna says that Prince Von Buelow, former German chancellor, has returned from Switzerland to Germany and is using all his influence in favor of concession by Germany to the demand presented in the American note concerning submarine warfare.

The Prince also is urging a collective protest by all neutral states against the tightening of the blockade by the entente allies, the despatch adds.

The temperature of the air in which they live affects the color of butterflies.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Dedication of Temple. The formal dedication of Odd Fellows' temple will be Tuesday, May 2, 3.30 p. m.—Dedication ceremony conducted by Dr. L. C. Holcombe, grand master, and assisted by the Henschel male quartet of Springfield, Mass.; address, E. L. Lugals, grand representative, Burlington, Vt.

7.30 p. m.—Open house. All members of the order and their families and the lady or gentleman friend of unmarried members are cordially invited.

Wednesday, May 3.—The temple will be open to the public from 10 a. m. throughout the day and evening. All will be most cordially welcomed.

Thursday, May 4, 7.30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Oasis Encampment, The Patriarchal degree will be conferred on a large class of candidates. A good attendance is desired.

Keys to new Odd Fellows' temple will be on sale Tuesday afternoon and evening in the pool rooms. Apply to the janitor.

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REPORTS CONFLICT FROM WAR CAPITALS

French Say They Made Gains, But Germans Claim to Have Repulsed Their Enemy.

PARIS, May 2.—A strong attack was made by the French troops last night on the German positions southeast of Fort Douaumont on the Verdun front. The French captured a first line of German trenches, 500 meters long, the war office announced this afternoon, and took 100 men prisoners. West of the river Meuse activity of the artillery continued through the night from the Avocourt region to Dead Man's hill. The war office also announced that in their attacks on April 29 and 30 on the north slope of Dead Man's hill the French gained German trenches over a front of about 1,000 meters and a depth of 300 to 400 meters.

BERLIN, May 2, by wireless to Sayville.—French attacks on the Verdun front east of the Meuse yesterday were repulsed in a fierce struggle at close quarters which lasted for several hours, the war office announced today.

The town hall at Lille, France, has been burned. The librarian, a French woman, selected the most valuable books of the famous library there and handed them to German soldiers, who formed a chain to remove them from the building.

The Lille fire department was unable to save the town hall, but retarded the spreading of the fire to neighboring buildings.

WILL BE OPERATED ON ACTUAL WAR BASIS

Nation to Make a Communication Test with Battleship New Hampshire at Sea.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—To test the nation's preparedness for communication in time of war a telephonic, telegraphic and wireless demonstration has been arranged by which the naval stations on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the battleship New Hampshire at sea simultaneously will be in touch with the navy department. The demonstration will begin at 4 p. m. Saturday and continue until Monday and during the entire time the department will be operated on an actual war basis.

GERMANY WILL NOT MAKE FINAL REPLY

Expected to Present Proposals for New Rules Governing Submarine Warfare.

LONDON, May 2.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam today says that diplomatic circles in touch with Germany believe that the reply to the American note will be delivered on Thursday, but that in all probability it will not be in the nature of a final reply.

They expect that Germany will make counter proposals regarding the establishment of new rules for submarine warfare. Ambassador Gerard arrived in Berlin early this morning.

IMMEDIATE COMPULSION.

Premier Asquith Announces That a Bill Will Be Introduced Tomorrow.

LONDON, May 2.—Asquith declared in the house of commons this afternoon that a bill to be introduced tomorrow, would be one for general and immediate compulsion.

The Premier said the British army excluding India and including the Dominion comprised 83 divisions. Mr. Asquith told the members of the house of commons that the total naval and military effort of the British empire since the beginning of the war exceeded 5,000,000 men.

ASQUITH IS ANGRY.

Will Call for Resignation of Chief Secretary for Ireland.

LONDON, May 2.—Speaking in the house of commons this afternoon Premier Asquith said he hoped to give an early opportunity for discussion of the motion calling for the resignation of Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland.

REPORT FROM AUSTRIA.

Says Situation on the Italian Front Is Generally Unchanged.

BERLIN, May 2, by wireless to Sayville.—The official statement issued at Vienna yesterday is as follows: The situation on the Italian front is generally unchanged. In the Adamello district our troops repulsed attacks of the enemy. The Alpini suffered heavy losses.

REBELS SUCCESSFUL.

Have Again Defeated Cabrera's Forces in Northern Guatemala.

MEXICO CITY, May 2.—Messages received here last night say the revolutionists in northern Guatemala again have defeated the soldiers of President Cabrera and now dominate a large territory.

POLICE PARTY REBEL VICTIMS

Were Riding in Motor Cars When Attacked From Ditches by Roadside

10 OFFICERS KILLED AND 18 WOUNDED

Battle Lasted Nearly Five Hours and When Their Ammunition Was Exhausted the Few Surviving Officers Were Compelled to Surrender.

BELFAST, Ireland, Monday, via London.—One of the most tragic affairs of the rebellion was the ambush of a party of police in county Meath by rebels, with the result that 10 of the police were killed, 18 wounded and the rest compelled to surrender.

The police were proceeding in motor cars when suddenly the insurgents, who were hiding in ditches, discharged a fusillade in the midst of the police, and a battle lasting nearly five hours ensued. When virtually all the police had been killed or wounded the rebels closed in and forced the surrender of the survivors. The police had exhausted their supply of ammunition.

HENRY R. BROWN NOT A CANDIDATE

States Definitely that He Would Not Serve as Commissioner if Elected in Village Meeting.

Editor of The Reformer:—Having noticed in last night's Reformer your account of an interview which your representative had with me over the telephone in regard to being a candidate for village commissioner, I would respectfully request that you state in tonight's issue that I am not a candidate, do not expect my name to be presented in the village meeting and would not serve if elected.

Trusting that I have made myself clear in regard to this matter, I am, Respectfully yours, HENRY R. BROWN.

Brattleboro, May 2, 1916.

RAILROAD STATION NEARLY COMPLETED

Contractors Will Turn it Over to Railroads Next Week—Furniture and Equipment Not Here.

Supt. R. G. Bent of the H. Wales Lines Co., builders of the railroad station, says that his concern will be through with the station next week and will turn it over to the railroads. The men are putting on the finishing touches in the interior and cleaning up around the building. When the building will be opened for use will be decided by the railroads. The furniture and other equipment has not yet been received.

RESUMES DELIVERY OF MILK TOMORROW

H. M. Barrett's Business Interfered with by Case of Scarlet Fever—No New Case Develops.

H. M. Barrett of the Bradley farm will begin tomorrow morning supplying customers with milk from the farm. On account of a case of scarlet fever in the family of Frank Wood, which developed last week, it was thought best not to deliver any milk for a few days. Up to today there has been no new case.

ARMY OF 180,000 MEN.

House and Senate Conferees Have Practically Reached Agreement.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—A regular army of 180,000 men at peace strength has practically been agreed upon by the senate and house conferees. With plans for expansion as provided in the bill which passed the senate this would produce an army of about 250,000 men in war strength. The bill as it passed the senate fixed the peace strength at 250,000.

THE WEATHER.

Showers Tonight—Cooler in New Hampshire and Vermont.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The weather forecast. Showers tonight. Cooler in New Hampshire and Vermont. Partly cloudy. Moderate southwest to northwest winds.

ARREST OF KNUT BRINGS RELIEF

Stranger Who Disturbed Doughnut Picnic Tells Strange Tale Before Going to Padded Cell.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, May 2.—The annual community May festival and doughnut picnic was rudely disturbed yesterday afternoon by a stranger, who by his queer actions made it necessary for Special Officer Peter Pike to place him in custody. The picnic was held on an island in Webb's brook near the summit of Crow hill and was attended by everybody in good health in town—and this is a very healthy town.

While being looked at police headquarters the stranger gave his name as Nero Knut. He told a strange tale. He said that two weeks ago he left his home, promising his mother that he would not return until he had learned several items of interest to the general public and of great importance to scientists and other peculiar people. His first intention had been simply to learn who put the bell in Bellows, but the end of that quest was so quickly reached that he decided to learn other things. It did not take him long to learn who put the rattle in Brattleboro, nor who was responsible for the graft in Grafton. He knows the man who put wind in Windham and who amputated the knee of Putney.

Knut said it was also an easy matter to discover the reason for the ache in Jamaica, but why the Pied Piper never tried to take the rat out of Stratton he has yet to learn. He knows about the ill in Guilford, but could not get the facts about the facts in Halifax. A little soft shoe work brought him the reason for the war in Wardsboro, and he knows the cook who put the mince in Westminster. He can put his finger on the man who "done" Londonderry and the guy who told the lie in Brookline. The mystery of who put the rock through Rockingham was a puzzle for him to solve.

If anybody is wise about it it is Knut, for he knows who smoked the ham in Whitingham and what made them ill in Wilmington. Knut says he cannot go home until he learns who is the man of Marlboro nor why there are no dumb in Dunsterston. He also would like to know who owns the hens in Athens and about the summer in Somerset. He has found nothing new in Newfane nor the man who dove in Dover. "There ain't much chance to earn in Vernon," said Knut, and as they led him to his padded cell he exclaimed, "I can see the end in Townshend."

Great relief is expressed here at Knut's arrest, as it is believed he is a man who tried to con the Cornish valley by masquerading as the count of Windham county.

ALIENATION SUIT IS DISCONTINUED

Attorney Gibson Says He Will Bring Another, However—Unable to Locate a Material Witness.

The alienation of affections suit of Charles Lynde of Guilford against Merton Doolittle of Brattleboro to recover \$10,000 came to a sudden halt yesterday afternoon in county court at Newfane. After court opened, Attorney E. W. Gibson of counsel for Mr. Lynde, moved that the case be continued because of his inability to locate a material witness, Walter Gibbs. He said that Sheriff Mann looked for him Saturday until late at night and again yesterday without being able to find him, although he was working for Doolittle.

The court said the jury might be secured, to be ready to start the case this morning in case the witness was found, but Mr. Gibson finally decided that he would discontinue the suit, which was done, but he says he will bring another suit as he does not intend to drop the matter.

O. B. Hughes and F. E. Barber, counsel for Doolittle, exposed a continuing case and said they might assist in the search for Gibbs, but Mr. Gibson said no doubt the attorneys for the other side could produce Gibbs if they desired.

The court took up this forenoon the case of the H. W. Gutterman Co. of Springfield, Mass., against W. B. Houghton of Brattleboro. This is an action of contract and involves a dispute over the amount due from Mr. Houghton for house furnishings.

STRIKE BREAKERS STRIKE.

Make Disturbance That Calls Out the Police Reserves in Boston.

BOSTON, May 2.—One hundred and fifty men who took the places of striking freight handlers on the docks of New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad several months ago went on a strike today and caused a disturbance which attracted the police reserves. The men had demanded an eight-hour working day and \$2 a day instead of 23 cents an hour.

WANT MORE WAGES.

Trolley Men Make Demands on Springfield Street Railway.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 2.—The trolley men's union today submitted to the Springfield Street Railway company a schedule calling for a maximum daily wage of \$3.25 to replace the present rate of \$2.85. The union served notice it would accept the proposed rate to become effective June 1.

The English language is spoken by 10 per cent of the world's inhabitants.

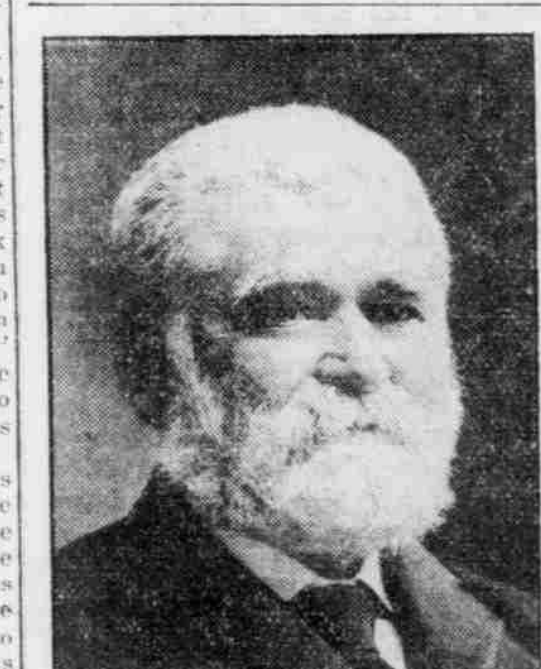
DEDICATING NEW TEMPLE

Odd Fellows' Services Conducted by Grand Master of Vermont

HISTORY OF ORDER IN BRATTLEBORO

Membership of Wantastiquet Lodge Largest of Any Lodge in This Jurisdiction—Payments in Relief Work Past Year About \$3,000.

Services dedicatory of the new temple of the Brattleboro Odd Fellows are taking place this afternoon, marking the formal acceptance of the building as the home of Wantastiquet lodge and allied organizations.



JOHN HENKEL.
His membership of more than 51 years makes him one of the oldest members of the Wantastiquet lodge of Odd Fellows.

The grand master of the state, Dr. L. C. Holcombe of Milton, and members of his suite, arrived in town at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and the exercises are being conducted by the grand master. Many delegations from different lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the state and from nearby towns in neighboring states came to attend the exercises and inspect the building. This evening there will be a dance and open house will be kept for members of the order and their families and the building will be open all day tomorrow and tomorrow evening for general inspection by the public.

The history of local Odd Fellowship began in 1846, when, by virtue of a dispensation granted by the grand lodge of the United States, known now as the sovereign grand lodge, Wantastiquet lodge was instituted, Aug. 3, 1846. The lodge was one of four white, sought a charter for the grand lodge of Vermont, which was instituted Dec. 29, 1847.

This lodge, the incorporated body of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Brattleboro, has been from the time of institution to the present time one of the strongest and largest bodies of the order in the state.

During the decline of secret orders in the period from 1857 to 1866 Wantastiquet lodge stood firm and won the title by which it is called even now, "The Never Surrender Lodge." For many years the lodge has had the largest membership of any in this jurisdiction, and it now has a membership of 584, of whom 44 are past noble grands.

The officers of the lodge and of affiliated organizations, Oasis encampment, No. 5, Dennis Rebekah lodge, No. 1, the first in the state, and Canton Palestine, No. 3, P. M., have been notable for their faithfulness, to their duties and their willingness to continue long in office when the duties were exacting and painstaking.

Long-Time Officers.

Abram J. Currier is still the corresponding secretary of Wantastiquet lodge, an office he has held continuously 34 years. C. L. Cobb, financial secretary, has been attending to the duties of that exacting position 27 years, and D. W. Tenney, financial scribe of Oasis encampment, has been continuously in that office 33 years.

Oasis encampment, No. 5, was instituted April 9, 1865, by J. P. Sanders, grand sire. It has now a membership of 259.

It was not long after that before interests identified with Brattleboro Odd Fellowship brought about the institution of the first Rebekah lodge in the state by having Dennis Rebekah lodge instituted Feb. 9, 1869. This lodge now has a membership of over 300.

Canton Palestine, No. 3, P. M., the military department of the order, was organized more recently, but like the other local organizations of Odd Fellowship, has always been strong.

John Henkel, who was initiated into Wantastiquet lodge, Jan. 30, 1865, is the oldest in membership of the members of the lodge, having been over 51 years a member of the order. From the History of Odd Fellowship, published in 1887 by authority of the

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MINERS GET RAISE, COAL COST SOARS

Operators Announce Increased Prices, with Concessions to Men—\$12,000,000 at Stake.

NEW YORK, May 2.—While the district presidents of the anthracite coal miners were placing their stamp of approval on the contract which will give a substantial wage increase and an eight hour day to 176,000 miners in the anthracite coal field yesterday the operators permitted the announcement to go forth that the price of coal will be raised sufficiently to wipe out, so far as they are concerned, the extra \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000 that will have to be expended under the new contract in wages.

A representative of one of the biggest coal companies said that most of the increase will be placed on domestic coal; that is, on coal used in the homes. The price of steam coal, the kind used for industrial purposes, probably will be raised slightly, though the increase will not be so heavy as in the case of the domestic.

During the next week the heads of the principal coal companies will meet either here or in Philadelphia and decide on a new scale of prices, effective immediately. It is said that domestic coal will go up 40 cents a ton.

The wage conference, just concluded between the miners and operators, has been in many ways one of the most successful in the history of labor. Four representatives of the miners met with four representatives of the coal companies on February 21 and since then have been in almost daily conference. The result has been a clean victory for the miners, who have been accorded all of their important demands. The relations of employers and employees will be materially altered, but what is of most importance to the miners is that their union has received recognition.

EPISCOPAL PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Ways and Means for Building Parish House Discussed, but No Action Taken—Free of Debt.

In the annual meeting of St. Michael's Episcopal parish last evening the old members of the vestry were re-elected. There was discussion of ways and means for the building of a parish house, but no definite action was taken. The treasurer's report showed that the parish had come through the year free of debt and that the outlook for the coming year was especially good.

The officers elected were: Senior Warden, Kittredge Haskins; junior warden, E. W. Gibson; vestrymen, C. Menzies Miller, Christopher H. Babbs, W. H. Heywood, Carl Cain, F. H. Sanford, W. G. W. Sercomb, Charles R. Frink, and C. S. Nichols.

WILL NOT SEARCH SHIPS.

Canada Not to Exercise That Right on Visiting Craft.

DETROIT, May 2.—William Livingston, president of the Lake Carriers' association, has made public a telegram from Secretary of State Lansing giving assurance that the Canadian government does not intend to exercise the right of search on vessels visiting Canadian lake ports.

G. C. AVERILL IS ON TRIAL

Charged with Making False Entries on Books of Vermont National Bank

INTENT TO DECEIVE FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Is Alleged—A List of Entries of Amounts Ranging from \$14,700 to \$20,000 Given—Counsel Enters a General Denial—Jury Drawn.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, May 2.—The case of the United States vs. George C. Averill, who is charged with making false entries on the books of the Vermont National bank of Brattleboro with intent to deceive, when he was president of the institution, began today at the adjourned February term of the United States district court, Judge A. P. Hand of New York presiding.

A large contingent of Brattleboro residents are here as witnesses, including several employed in the Vermont National bank when Mr. Averill was its executive head. The case, which is the only one for trial, is likely to consume much time, and it may be before the court two weeks.

A jury was drawn, after many challenges, as follows: Carroll Bottom, New Haven; M. L. Brooks, St. Albans; L. E. Brigham and F. S. Lanou, Burlington; H. E. Burnham, Richmond; A. G. Carpenter, Essex Junction; George Foss, Hyde Park; Charles E. McNamara, Northfield; J. W. Reynolds, East Georgia; Frank Talcott, Williston; W. F. Shepard, Barre; Frank Ford, Isle la Motte.

District Attorney Bullard had completed his presentation of the case to the jury by noon. He will try to prove that Mr. Averill, from October, 1914, to January, 1915, made or caused to be made false entries on the books of the Vermont National bank of Brattleboro, with intent to deceive the national bank examiner and the comptroller of the currency.

In detail Mr. Averill is accused of charging up to the Shawmut bank of Boston \$20,000 on December 5, 1914, on the books of the Brattleboro bank, and that this was a false entry, as no money was passed. Again, December 15, a similar charge of \$14,700 was alleged to have been made to the Shawmut bank, no remittance ever having been made. Later it is alleged Mr. Averill said the figures were errors.

Similar transactions are charged against Mr. Averill with the Vermont

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